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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: INITIAL CONSULTATIONS ON
DRAFT CW RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 4417(NOTAL)

1. US DEL HAS BEGUN TO CONSULT OTHER DELS ON DRAFT
CHEMICAL WEAPONS RESOLUTION (REFTEL) WHICH WAS GIVEN TO
US BY POLES ON OCT 24. POINTING OUT THAT THEY HAD NOT
YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON RES, US DELOFFS HAVE EXPRESSED
THE VIEW THAT DRAFT SPONSORED BY SOVIET ALLIES APPEARED
UNACCEPTABLE IN PRESENT FORM. DEL INDICATED THAT US
WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT A CW RES, BUT COULD NOT DO SO IF
RES SEEMED TO PREJUDGE FUTURE CW NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY
QUESTION OF SCOPE OF POSSIBLE CW AGREEMENT. DELOFFS NOTED
THAT EXISTING DRAFT APPEARED TO NARROW NEGOTIATING
OPTIONS AND RAISED VARIOUS OTHER PROBLEMS. DELOFFS STRESSED IN
GENERAL THAT UNGA RECOMMENDATIONS ON CW SHOULD BE
CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE NINE OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION AND SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND 1973 CW RES, WHICH
US ACCEPTED.

2. US DEL FIRST APPRAOCHED POLES, WHO HAD ASKED FOR
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COMMENTS ON THEIR DRAFT. GIVAN(US) TOLD AMB. JAROSZEK

(POLAND) THAT UNLESS DRAFT WERE MODIFIED, US COULD NOT SUPPORT IT. HE SAID THAT WE WERE NOT YET IN POSITION TO RECOMMEND SPECIFIC CHANGES, BUT WANTED TO POINT OUT OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT.

(A) WHILE US IS WILLING TO REAFFIRM THAT RECOGNIZED OBJECTIVE IS COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITION OF CW, WE CANNOT ACCEPT VIEW (IN THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA AND OP PARA ONE AND TWO) THAT THIS OBJECTIVE MUST BE ACHIEVED IN A SINGLE AGREEMENT NOR THAT IT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED IN NEAR FUTURE.

(B) WE DO NOT REGARD BW CONVENTION, ESPECIALLY ITS PROVISIONS ON VERIFICATION, AS SUITABLE MODEL FOR INTERNATIONAL RESTRAINTS OF CW (PREAMBULAR PARA SIX AND OP PARA FOUR).

(C) WE DO NOT BELIEVE DRAFT CONVENTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ALREADY BEFORE CCD PROVIDE NECESSARY BASIS FOR FUTURE IN CW (PREAMBULAR PARA NINE AND OP PARA THREE).

(D) WE QUESTION FACTUAL BASIS FOR EXPRESSING CONCERN (PREAMBULAR PARA TEN) OVER CONTINUED SOPHISTICATION AND STOCKPILING OF CW AND LACK OF DEFINITE PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS.

(E) WE COULD NOT SET DEADLINE FOR ADHERENCE TO GENEVA PROTOCOL (OP PARA SIX).

3. JAROSZEK SAID THAT HE TOO WANTED TO ACHIEVE A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION AND WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER US PROPOSED CHANGES. HOWEVER, HE CLAIMED THAT EXISTING RES HAD SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF EASTERN STATES BUT ALSO OF NON-ALIGNED, AND THEREFORE THAT THE HAD ONLY LIMITED FLEXIBILITY TO ACCEPT WESTERN PROPOSALS. HE ASSERTED THAT NON-ALIGNED WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH VIRTUAL REITERATION OF LAST YEAR'S RES, BUT WOULD WANT TO TAKE SOME VISIBLE STEPS FORWARD IN RESOLUTION LANGUAGE. HE SAID HE WOULD FIND OUT FROM OTHER SUPPORTERS OF RES WHETHER MODIFICATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AND PROMISED TO RETURN TO US EARLY NEXT WEEK. JAROSZEK DID NOT ASK FOR SPECIFIC TEXTUAL CHANGES. JAROSZEK ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, IF RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO US CAN BE WORKED OUT, US COULD PERSUADE SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES TO CO-SPONSOR. GIVAN REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND ON NATURE OF DRAFT THAT MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE REACHED. RES THAT WE COULD ASK SOME WESTERN DELS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CO-SPONSOR WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAN ONE WE COULD JUST BARELY ACCEPT.

4. SWEDISH, YUGOSLAV, AND INDIAN DELS HAVE PROVIDED US WITH SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PICTURE OF SITUATION FROM THAT CONVEYED BY JAROSZEK. MIHAJLOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) SAID THAT, WHILE HIS DEL AND OTHERS HE HAS CONSULTED COULD ACCEPT EXISTING RES, NON-ALIGNED WERE NOT WEDDED TO DRAFT AND WERE HESITANT AT THIS STAGE TO CO-SPONSOR IT. THEY

PREFERRED TO SIT BACK AND LET EASTERN AND WESTERN DELS NEGOTIATE A TEXT, AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER THEY COULD ACCEPT. SWEDISH DELOFF ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ISSUE SHOULD INITIALLY BE SETTLED BY EASTERN AND WESTERN DELS AND ONLY LATER CONSIDERED BY NON-ALIGNED. (HE ALSO INDICATED THAT SWEDISH DEL HAD STRONG OBJECTIONS TO OPERATIVE PARA 4 BECAUSE IF IMPLIED BW CONVENTION COULD SERVE AS MODEL FOR CW CONVENTION).

5. WESTERN DELS GENERALLY SHARE US RESERVATIONS WITH POLISH DRAFT. UK, JAPANESE, DUTCH, FRG, AND CANADIAN DELOFFS ALL SEEMED SYMPATHETIC WITH ATTEMPT TO MODIFY RES AND CANADIAN (ROWE) AND AJAPNESE (YATABE) DELOFFS SPECIFICALLY OFFERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR MODIFICATIONS.

6. US DEL DOES NOT PLAN TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC CHANGES IN DRAFT RES UNTIL NEXT MEETING WITH POLISH DEL. IN MEANTIME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO POINT OUT OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH EXISTING DRAFT AND SEEK SUPPORT AMONG WESTERN DELS AND FRIENDLY NON-ALIGNED DELS FOR MODIFYING RES TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH BW CONVENTION AND LAST YEARS' RES.

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